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Transit to get security boost

GRADS Calgary Transit is looking to add to its security ranks when it graduates 12 new peace officer recruits today.

The new uniformed officers will have their graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. at the City Hall Calgary Power Reception Hall with deputy mayor Joe Connelly doing the address.

After that, the dozen new officers will be unveiled to the media and the public at the City Hall platform.

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Nic Asturino, 23, who has been working with blown glass for three years, puts the finishing touch to fine pieces of art in the Hemporium display window on 17th Avenue SW.

Core fear rising

Those who travel downtown wary after bystander shot

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Downtown businesses might not be feeling the pinch of paranoia yet, but some folks who frequent the area are.

After a Brazilian exchange student, an innocent bystander, was hit by and permanently blinded by a stray bullet on Centre Street south Tuesday night, some people who make the regular trek into the core have their heads on a constant swivel.

Adle Green, who has been coming from the East

Coast for more than 30 years to visit her sister, said her days of venturing out after dark in Calgary, a city she used to live in, are over.

"It's a horrendous thought," said Green. "I'm quite surprised that this city has turned so violent in such public places."

The saddening news of the Brazilian's misfortune hit close to home for Arian Perez, 23, in the midst of a six-month stint at Mount Royal College.

"It's certainly not the city I read about before coming here," he said. "It's clean, sure, but it's not as safe as I thought it was. I'm always

"It's certainly not the city I read about ... I'm always looking over my shoulder, wondering what might be coming my way."

Arian Perez, student

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Calgary Downtown Association's Maggie Schofield said the business community supports all police efforts to crack down on rising crime, but she pointed out that much of the recent crime has been in areas surrounding the downtown.

"Crime isn't a downtown issue, it's a city issue."

Yesterday, Premier Stelmach once again shot down requests for more police funding from city municipal leaders, saying the government has a plan in place to combat rising crime in cities and they will be continuing on that course.

WITH FILES FROM KRISTA SYLVESTER

High density housing on the horizon

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DEVELOPMENT Transit will take centre stage around increased housing options as Calgary grows up, not out, in the years to come.

A report released yesterday on affordable housing and smart growth said a shift in Calgary's housing mix

should ease overall prices in the long run, while providing its citizens more housing and transportation options.

"We have enough people to really make these transit options viable."

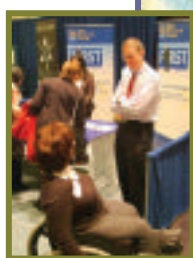
Pat Gordon

"There aren't many choices out there right now," said Plan It Calgary project manager Patricia Gordon, "but we want to provide more choice, more high density housing while also giving people the opportunity to live here without a car, if they want."

Gordon said talk in council chambers swirls around LRT usage, but developing increased bus rapid transit and better quality service will add appeal to the transit option, especially with plans in place to make neighbourhoods alternative-transportation friendly.

"We're reaching a tipping point in this city's growth where we have enough people to really make these transit options viable," she said.

The report recommended an adoption of a hybrid scenario, a mix between high density and dispersed housing options.



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City cops have charged 51 sex-trade offenders and 21 sex-trade workers during an undercover vice-operation targeting prostitution in district four over the past two months. **METRO CALGARY**

Local

Victim had gang ties: Cops

Police say the victim of Chestermere's murder Tuesday night was associated with gangs and drugs. Jason Viet Quoc Luong, 20, died of gunshot wounds. A grow-op was also found in the home where the victim died.

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METRO CALGARY FILE PHOTO

This black bear, photographed by a Discovery Ridge homeowner last year as the bruin went through the family trash, was one of six inner-city bear sightings last year — but there have been no major encounters reported by fish and wildlife this season.

Food source berry good?

Bear sightings down in city this summer after busy '07

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Trouble was 'bruin' in the summer of 2007, with six inner-city bear sightings and experts warning Calgarians about a new trend.

Summer 2008 is a whole different story.

"This year has been quite a bit quieter than the last few years. We've definitely received a lot less calls about bears and the stats are showing the numbers are down this year," Tom Biglin, district officer for Fish and Wildlife,

2007 bear sightings

- May 24 — Black bear South Glenmore Park.
- Aug. 26 — Lake Bonavista bruin evades capture for five hours.
- Aug. 27 — Officers search Fish Creek in response to sightings of an adult black bear.
- Aug. 29 — A young black bear is spotted near Heritage Park.
- Sept 17 — A bear makes a visit to the Rockyview Hospital ambulance bay.
- Sept 18 — A young black bear is seen in Discovery Ridge pawing through garbage.

told Metro.

"There could be a lot of reasons but the one that comes to my mind is maybe the berry crop is better this year than it has been in previous

years and (bears) may not have to travel as far for food," he added.

Last year there were six reported sightings in Calgary communities, including one

a year ago to the day yesterday, when a bear was perusing families' garbages in Discovery Ridge and one a few days before that wandered into the Rockyview Hospital ambulance bay.

The 2007 close encounters spurred Jim Pissot of the Defenders of Wildlife Canada to warn Calgarians the frequent visits from the furry neighbours might become even more frequent. Pissot told media outlets the busy summer was largely due to people leaving food in their yards, garbage and the fact the berry crops were ruined.

News in brief

HEALTH Mini doctors are invited back to the faculty of medicine's Mini Med School this fall. Those wishing to have fun while learning more about their health and medicine can get more information at

<http://cme.ucalgary.ca//minimedschool> or call 403.220.6493 by Sept. 23.

HOME INVASION City cops have laid numerous charges against two men in connection with a home invasion robbery

yesterday. Tefari Giorgis Thompson, 23 and Adrian Anthony Barrett, 21, were both charged in the incident that left two men in hospital.

ASSAULT City cops are seeking a sex assault suspect after a fe-

male was attacked while walking along 162 Ave. SW in Shawnessy around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday night. The offender is described as a white male, 5-ft-8, slim build with brown hair.

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Janine Vangool from Uppercase in Art Central.

Exercise your appetite for art

ARTWALK Calgarians are invited to "talk" the art and "walk" the art this weekend at the 2008 Artwalk.

Helping to open eyes to beautiful art and meet the artists, the Artwalk is more than a way to pass time, it's a great opportunity says one participating gallery.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people to discover art and create awareness in Calgary. It's our first official Artwork and we're super excited," Janine Vangool, owner of Uppercase Gallery told Metro.

The walk takes place Saturday and Sunday at a variety of galleries in the city's downtown, Beltline and Inglewood areas. For more information please visit www.calgaryartwalk.com.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Stelmach breaks the ice

Construction underway on new city skating rink

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Jarrold Gourley is looking forward to family breakfasts and at least an extra hour of shut-eye.

Amidst the suits and designers shoes, the nine-year-old Atom part-time defenceman, part-time left-winger got a glimpse of what his new digs will look like yesterday at a groundbreaking ceremony which will twin the former Family Leisure Centre ice surfaces and be reborn as the Trico Centre for Family Wellness.

"It's going to let more kids to play on ice and have kids get more experience playing hockey," he said.

His father and coach, Bill, said it will be nice to have something closer to home and while part of the Canadian experience is early morning practices, he won't miss travelling as far

Opening

- The centre is expected to open its doors in December 2009.

as Chestermere to do it.

The new centre will be more accessible for disabled residents, provide more parking and help to address the severe ice shortage in Calgary.

"I know it's going to reap tremendous benefits not only now but into the future," said Premier Ed Stelmach, whose government coughed up \$6 million towards the project.

While the city kicked in the largest lump, \$9.5 million, nearly all the funding for the new rink and building upgrades came from corporate and private donors, solicited by community based fundraising efforts.

Of \$19.5 million needed, they're now only \$1.2 million shy of their target.



Premier Ed Stelmach heaves a clump of sod during a ground breaking for the new Trico Centre for Family Wellness, at the Family Leisure Centre on Bonaventure Drive SE.

Who's your fave science teacher?

CONTEST Students across the country still have time to nominate their favourite science teachers for the second annual Iron Science competition.

The national contest is looking for the most courageous, entertaining and educational science teachers to go head-to-head for the title of Iron Science Teacher.

Students can nominate and vote for their science teachers at www.ironscience.ca until Sept. 26. The finals will be held at the University of Calgary on Nov. 21.

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What's online today.

Watch Canadian economist Jeff Rubin tell the Banff Business Forum that the recent drop in oil prices is temporary, and costs will only get more severe at www.metronews.ca/local
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Police say that a man who died in a multi-vehicle accident in Toronto Wednesday night may have already been dead before his truck swerved into opposing traffic, knocking down a hydro pole. "Witnesses saw the driver slumped over the wheel just prior to the collision," said Const. Mig Roberts of Toronto police. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada



Blinking may betray values

A study in the journal *Science* says people with right-wing views blink and flinch far harder than liberals when confronted with startling stimuli. "The idea is that those who are biologically sensitive to threat ... are more likely to be supportive of public policies that deal with threats," one researcher said. None of the researchers had any comment on the current federal election in Canada.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

TASER A Brampton, Ont., man who died about 12 hours after being Tasered by police was mourning the death of his sister, friends say. Sean Reilly's sister died about two weeks ago of sleep apnea. The man was Tasered during a struggle with four cops on Tuesday.

SUPERPOWERS Forty-five per cent of more than 1,000 Canadians questioned in an online poll picked healing as their top superpower, compared to 25 per cent who wanted to time travel, 15 per cent who selected telepathy, 10 per cent who would prefer to fly and five per cent who wanted to steal the powers of other people.

ONTARIO MPP Bill Murdoch was kicked out of the provincial Progressive Conservative caucus yesterday for saying that party leader John Tory should find a new job.

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POWER to the prostitutes

Sex workers protest for rights

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada



Despite his work's unsafe reputation, Ottawa sex worker Nico Little has never felt endangered by his clients.

Ironically, it's the Canadian laws surrounding prostitution that make Little feel leery.

"We demand safer working conditions, we demand labour rights, we demand human rights and we demand to be recognized as members of the community in which we live and work," said Little, a member of Prostitutes of Ottawa/Gatineau Work Educate and Resist (POWER).

Dozens of people, including sex workers and their allies, rallied on Parliament

"We demand to be recognized as members of the community in which we live and work."

Nico Little

Hill to improve the rights of the country's sex workers last night. Led by POWER, the group is calling on the government to decriminalize sections 210 to 213 of the Criminal Code.

A support worker with the Aids Committee of Ottawa, Lee Allard came out to show her support yesterday.

"I have friends and colleagues that are sex workers," she said. "The more people support this, the more this will be heard."

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Pom Pom Attack Squad members Pat Hoban, Anne Simmons and Victoria Benjamin, left to right, rally to support sex trade workers at a Parliament Hill yesterday.

Montreal mobster pleads guilty

MAFIA The presumed patriarch of Montreal's Mafia and five associates pled guilty to gangsterism-related charges yesterday, CBC News Online reports.

Nick Rizzuto, 84, entered a plea, along with five of his associates connected to Montreal's Mafia criminal underworld: Paolo Renda, Francesco Arcadi, Lorenzo Giordano, Francesco Del Balso and Rocco Sollecito.

Together, they faced more than 60 charges, including conspiracy to import and export narcotics, drug trafficking, gangsterism and extortion.

But after reaching a plea bargain with the Crown, Rizzuto pled guilty to possession of proceeds of a crime, and possession of the proceeds of crime for the benefit of, the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization.

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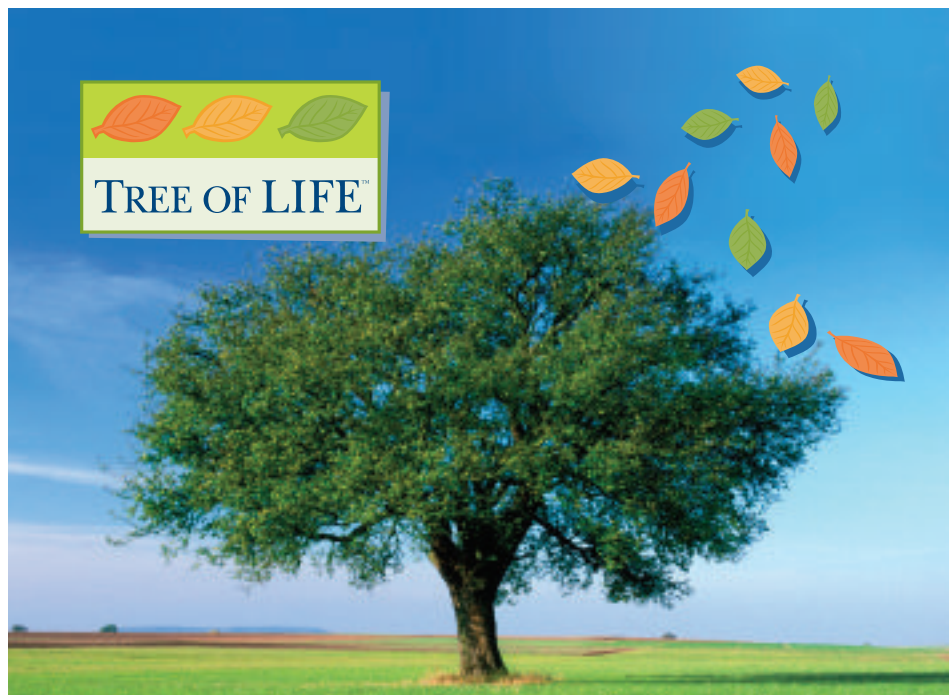
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A P.E.I. man diagnosed in August with listeriosis did not contract the bacteria from the outbreak connected to a Maple Leaf plant in Toronto. Dr. Lamont Sweet, P.E.I.'s acting chief health officer, said test results received yesterday show the Island man was infected with a different strain of the bacteria. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**



Insite a 'terrible mistake': Giuliani

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



VANCOUVER Supervised drug injection sites like Vancouver's Insite, are a 'terrible mistake' that will exacerbate drug problems, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani said yesterday in Surrey, B.C.

Giuliani, the Republican mayor of New York City during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, said he favours prosecuting drug dealers and funding drug rehabilitation programs.

"I think we can rehabilitate people who use drugs," said Giuliani, a former prosecutor, prior to his speech at the Surrey



Former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Regional Economic Summit yesterday. "But we should not encourage them to use drugs. That's a

"It's just going to make the drug problem worse."

Rudy Giuliani

terrible mistake, it's just going to make the drug problem worse."

Later, speaking to a crowd of about 500 people, Giuliani spoke about boosting economic development by reducing crime.

He credited the introduction of the 'broken windows theory' and using computers to analyze crime statistics (Compstat) for transforming New York from a 'crime capital' to the safest major city of the U.S.

News in brief

TORTURE A 16-year-old Halifax girl allegedly involved in the torture of another teen pled not guilty yesterday. Over three hours in June, a gang allegedly burned a 14-year-old girl with

cigarettes, threw her down stairs, and locked her in a freezer.

LISTERIOSIS Public health officials in Manitoba are investigating the death of a baby related

to a case of listeriosis, CBC News Online reports. Officials described the case as involving "an infant with a suspected underlying medical condition."

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Election 2008



Controversy



Gerry Ritz

PM stands behind minister

STRESS Prime Minister Stephen Harper rejected opposition and victims' calls for the resignation of a cabinet minister who joked the listeriosis crisis was "death by a thousand ... cold cuts."

"It obviously was an inappropriate joke by a minister who was under a lot of stress," Harper said.

But Harper said the remark was made "in a private conversation," and should not detract from "the good work" Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz did in dealing with the outbreak.

But Harper's response did not satisfy his political opponents, or some relatives of victims of the tainted meat outbreak, which has killed 17 people in Canada. Dennis Schroh, whose 82-year-old mother, Elizabeth Schroh, died on Aug. 24 at a hospital in Ritz's Saskatchewan riding of Battlefords-Lloydminster, said he was offended that Ritz cracked jokes about the outbreak while on a conference call with scientists and political staffers six days later.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Taking it to the streets

Dion promises \$70B over 10 years for infrastructure

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion unveiled plans to spend \$70 billion over 10 years on Canada's aging infrastructure in a commitment hailed as "groundbreaking" by the country's municipalities.

"Our cities and communities are facing an infrastructure deficit that is affecting Canadians' quality of life (and) economic prospects, as well as threatening our environment, our water, our sewage system, our energy grid, our roads and bridges," Dion said.

Surrounded by Liberal candidates from in and around Toronto, Dion said the \$70-billion investment will go toward building and upgrading strategic infrastructure, creating an \$8-billion national transit strategy, developing a small communities fund, improving border crossings and sports and recreational facilities — all while helping to create jobs.

The president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, on Parliament Hill yesterday to demand all federal parties make an urban strategy a centrepiece of their election platforms, ap-

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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion announces a \$70-billion plan over 10 years for Canada's crumbling infrastructure yesterday in Toronto. Liberal candidate Michael Ignatieff looks on.

"It's a good example of the tools we need to turn the tide of the \$123-billion infrastructure deficit."

Jean Perrault

plauded the plan as groundbreaking.

"It's good news. It's a good example of the tools we need to turn the tide of the \$123-billion infrastruc-

ture deficit," said Sherbrooke, Que., mayor Jean Perrault.

The Liberals would finance the plan by diverting any portion of annual budg-

et surpluses above \$3 billion to infrastructure and creating a special infrastructure bank to make available low-interest loans for infrastructure projects such as regional energy grids or high-speed rail, Dion said. The bank's revenue would be generated in part from the sale of tax-free green bonds.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Council urges Harper to make trade deal text public

Prime Minister Stephen Harper must make public the draft text of a new "deep economic integration" trade deal with the European Union that rivals NAFTA in scope before voters go to the polls on Oct. 14, says the Council of Canadians.

"The prime minister should be accountable to the public and release the text immediately so that voters can make an informed decision on a deal

"(Harper) must keep his word, be accountable, and release the draft text of this sweeping new trade deal immediately."

Council of Canadians

that will be further negotiated in Montreal just three days after the federal election," said Maude Barlow, national chairperson of the Council of Canadians. "Stephen Harper ran on a campaign of accountability in the 2006 election, prom-

ising to bring significant international treaties to Parliament. He must keep his word, be accountable, and release the draft text of this sweeping new trade deal immediately."

While the text has not been released, it reportedly

includes the unrestricted trade in goods, services and investment, the removal of tariffs, and an open market in government services and procurement — which would require the Canadian government to allow European companies to bid as equals on government contracts for both goods and services, and to not give preference to local or national providers of public-sector services.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Protocol

Grits call foul over Tory pledge

TRADITION The federal Conservatives have breached government protocol with an announcement pledging \$1.9 billion for housing and homelessness programs in the middle of the election, Liberals charge. The Conservatives insist the announcement — quietly unveiled on Wednesday — is government money rather than an election pledge.

If that's the case, Liberals say the Conservatives have run afoul of tradition that dictates that government steer clear of any big-ticket pledges during a campaign to avoid using federal spending for partisan advantage.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

CULTURE The controversy over Conservative cuts in funding for culture and art continues to grow in Quebec, and it could just be the one pressure point that keeps Prime Minister Stephen Harper from full-tilt success in the province. A new website (lescoupurescatuela culture.org) has been launched by the province's artists, called "Cuts Kill Culture" and includes video testimonies by a number of prominent Quebec artists, all denouncing the cuts as devastating to their cultural domains.

APOLOGY The Conservatives were forced to apologize again yesterday for the fourth time since the election campaign began — this time for a careless remark about Aboriginal drinking. The apology came after Aboriginal protesters expressed outrage at what they described as a racist slur by a member of Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon's staff.

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Parties pitch platforms for seniors

POPULATION Senior voters were courted yesterday by parties pitching contrasting visions for the future of an aging population.

The Conservatives promised tax breaks to ease the burden for the 4.5 million Canadians age 65 and over, while the New Democrats pledged to create a national plan to help more seniors and convalescing adults stay at home.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he'd increase the tax credit for seniors, called the Age Credit, raising by \$1,000 the amount of income they can earn before paying taxes on it.

NDP Leader Jack Layton promised to negotiate new deals with provinces and territories to create a national home-care plan worth \$2.5 billion over four years.

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From Metro newsrooms across the country...

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Halifax

It's been a bit of a dull election so far — but Halifax was hopping this week with leaders stopping by our sea-side town with big promises in their pockets. NDP Leader Jack Layton promised \$1 billion to train more doctors and nurses. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion promised \$900 million for catastrophic drug coverage — and a few more shekels for health care, too. But the most fun was when Green party honcho Elizabeth May, launching her party platform in Halifax, apologized for not smoking pot. If the election turns out to be a catastrophe for the Greens, the Liberals or the NDP, perhaps they can all light up a doobie together?

Montreal

The battle will be epic in Quebec. The Bloc Québécois are slightly ahead in polls with 33 per cent support, but the Conservatives at 31 per cent could win a lot more than the 10 MPs — out of 75 — they currently have. A Uni-

versity of Quebec in Montreal expert thinks Stephen Harper's Conservatives could have 12 extra seats in Quebec. Liberals are out in many regions. But once again, a Conservative government may be lacking an MP from Montreal.

Ottawa

Stephen Harper's continuing bid for an image makeover with female voters made a pit stop, appropriately enough, at an Ottawa spa this week. There, the prime minister chatted with clients and made a female-friendly pledge to give self-employed Canadians the opportunity to access maternity and parental benefits if the Conservatives are re-elected. Also in Ottawa this week, former Liberal defence minister David Pratt, who is running against incumbent Environment Minister John Baird in Ottawa West-Nepean, criticized federal Housing Minister Monte Solberg for meddling in an election in which he is not even a candidate and took aim at the Con-

servative government's record of spending on affordable housing.

Toronto

Will you be his neighbour? More importantly, will you slip a vote into a pocket of that cosy-looking sweater vest. Who knew Stephen Harper's eye for fashion would prompt responses from columnists Lawrence Martin (National Report — Tuesdays) and Mike Tennant (Ad Ventures — Mondays)? Martin referred to Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood when critiquing the prime minister's makeover while Tennant wrote about Harper's down-home political ad. Going forward, Harper finally uttered the words "majority" while in Toronto. How will Harper's Sussex Drive neighbours feel about watching the prime minister cut his lawn for another four years?

Calgary

Calgary's X92.9 FM is hoping to make a difference in Cal-

gary's vast voter turnout wasteland. With a voter drive under the moniker Just Vote Dammit, the radio station is appealing to its listeners, a younger crowd of dial-turners, to get out and exercise their democratic rights. "We're trying to not be part of the problem," said program director Christian Hall. "Voter turnout last time around was, for a lack of a better term, brutal and we want to help reverse that trend." Industry Minister Jim Prentice spent Tuesday knocking on doors of his Calgary Centre-North constituency, ensuring prospective voters that the nation's manufacturing sector remains strong, despite massive job cuts in the East.

Edmonton

As Albertans sat in the stands watching the federal election from the nosebleed seats there was a hint of good news from the sidelines. A visit from a party leader is looming! Elizabeth May has a planned stop in Edmonton

on her way across Canada by train. Lucky for Albertans, it's pretty tough to dodge the oil province on an overland trek west. The neglected province can get a chance to participate in the election game, rather than being content with being the political football.

Vancouver

In B.C., the week began with a lot of hot air and a smoking end is expected. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion was in Victoria last weekend to promote his federal carbon tax. He received an icy reception from some of the locals who feel the provincial carbon tax is already a burden. The B.C. Liberals on Tuesday then shifted priorities and focused on the need for a guns and gangs taskforce, which was well-received. Also well-received will be Green party Leader Elizabeth May, who is in Vancouver today. The Greens have announced that they would legalize marijuana if elected, a move likely to earn some votes in B.C.

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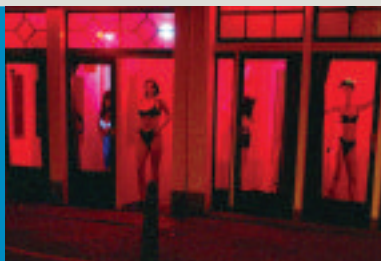
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The United States did not inform Pakistan about a missile strike on militants hours after the top U.S. military officer said the United States would respect Pakistan's sovereignty, Pakistan's foreign minister said. **REUTERS**

World



Storm over brothel story

A Spanish politician's public description of how he lost his virginity in a brothel has angered his female counterparts, who accused him of encouraging prostitution. Miguel Angel Revilla, head of the government of the northern region of Cantabria, told a TV interviewer earlier this week that he had paid the first time he had sex at the age of 18. **REUTERS**

How do you spell dangerous driver?

STUDY Sending text messages while driving is more dangerous than climbing behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol, a study by Britain's Transport Research Laboratory has found.

The reaction times of people texting as they drove fell by 35 per cent, while those who consumed the legal limit of alcohol fell by 21 per cent, the study says. **REUTERS**

News in brief

HEALTH Hong Kong has ordered the recall of a Chinese company's products after milk, ice cream and yogurt were found to be contaminated with melamine, the compound responsible for killing four children in a health scandal. **REUTERS**

Livni begins process of forming coalition

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni began talks on forming a new coalition government yesterday after edging home in a party leadership contest that set her on course to replace Ehud Olmert as prime minister.

Among those she spoke with by telephone was U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who hopes Livni and Olmert can still clinch some form of peace deal with the Palestinians before the Bush administration quits the White House in just four months.

Palestinian negotiators

welcomed her election in Wednesday's poll, though they hold out little hope of a major breakthrough.

Livni, a lawyer and former Mossad agent, faces other battles — to Tzipi Livni stave off an early parliamentary election that she would probably lose and to build a multi-party cabinet on the remains of the fractious administration Olmert will leave behind when he



finally steps down under the weight of a corruption inquiry.

Olmert is determined to go on handling talks with the Palestinians as caretaker premier until Livni forms a new team. The woman who would be Israel's first female leader since the redoubtable Golda Meir in the 1970s said after her narrow win in the Kadima party ballot that her priority was "stability".

Livni won by just 431 votes, or 1.1 points, with 43.1 per cent of the vote over former general Shaul Mofaz on Wednesday.

REUTERS

Bolivia Screaming mad



Supporters of Bolivian President Evo Morales shout slogans against Pando's governor Leopoldo Fernandez yesterday outside court in La Paz. Eastern Bolivia erupted in violent anti-Morales protests last week and the president declared martial law in Pando and arrested Fernandez.

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30 arrested after attack on U.S. embassy in Yemen

BOMBING Yemeni authorities have arrested 30 people suspected of belonging to al Qaeda following an attack on the U.S. embassy in Sanaa, a security source said yesterday.

Two suicide car bombs set off a series of explosions outside the embassy compound on Wednesday, killing 17 people including six attackers.

A group calling itself Islamic Jihad in Yemen, which is unrelated to the Palestinian group with a similar name, claimed responsibility.

The group said yesterday it belonged to al Qaeda and vowed attacks on the

British and Saudi embassies and on Yemeni officials unless Yemen freed several jailed members.

A Yemeni security source said Washington would send investigators to Yemen to help the authorities with their investigation.

The attackers were disguised in military uniforms and had made their cars look like those driven by Yemen's security forces, security sources said.

The State Department said on Wednesday the bombings bore "all the hallmarks" of an al Qaeda attack, but the United States had not yet concluded who was to blame. **REUTERS**

U.S. Simpson back in court



O.J. Simpson speaks with Patricia Jones, a member of his defence team, during his trial yesterday in Las Vegas. Simpson is appearing in court on charges which include burglary, robbery and assault following an attempted robbery last year.

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Russian financier Andrei Vavilov, the buyer of a \$53.5 million US penthouse apartment in New York's famed Plaza Hotel who sued, saying the apartment turned out to be "attic-like," is now being counter-sued for lying to get out of his contract. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

From wigs to weird, Palin items are hot

Novelties based on VP candidate sell fast

From Sarah Palin's trademark Kazuo Kawasaki glasses, to gun-toting action figures and a large pumpkin carved with her face, the newcomer in the U.S. election campaign has sparked a rush of online novelties.

Other shoppers are rushing to copy the style of the Republican party's vice-presidential candidate ahead of the Nov. 4 vote. Figures show online sales of items related to Palin, the governor of Alaska and self-described "hockey mom", have shot up over fivefold, overtaking sales of the election's three male contenders, and prompting a far wider range of merchandise.

Demand may be muted for a \$125 pumpkin hand-carved with Palin's face, but Palin wigs for \$75 could be more appealing while a hockey puck featuring her photo, the U.S.

flag and reading "Hockey Moms for Sarah Palin" is proving popular at \$15.

A piece of uneaten toast titled "Sarah Palin on my toast!" A sign? You be the judge," was up for sale on the online auction site eBay, with 24 bids and one unbelievable offer of \$7,100.

Karen Bard, an eBay spokeswoman, said the number of Palin related items has surged since Republican John McCain on Aug. 29 named Palin, 44, as his running mate. "The day after McCain popped the big question to Palin, 105 Palin items were listed on eBay. With the momentum from the Republican National Convention, Palin items took off



Palin

peaking at 554 listing in one day," Bard said.

She said over the past 30 days on eBay, over 4,000 Palin items have sold for an average of \$5.61, with the highest item, an autographed photo of mother-of-five Palin, getting \$499.99.

A quick check found 1,500 items related to Palin for sale on eBay, outnumbering 298 for Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden, while Democrat Barack Obama had 4,500 items to his name and McCain 1,750.

Bard said Palin supporters have listed thousands of different items including Sarah Palin dolls, beer steins, T-shirts galore, and thong underwear. **REUTERS**

Most rich nations stagnant or near recession: IMF official

ECONOMICS Most of the world's developed countries are at an economic standstill or on the brink of recession and policy-makers need to take aggressive action to avert a deep global downturn, a top IMF official said yesterday.

"Nearing the end of the year's third quarter, most advanced economies are either virtually stagnant or on the verge of recession, while underlying inflation risks are becoming increasingly well-contained," John Lipsky, first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said in a speech to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

A "damaging global recession" could still be avoided, he said, but any recovery would likely be gradual and public funds may be necessary to safeguard the financial system.



Lipsky

"A more systematic approach may be needed to deal with such basic issues as the disposition of distressed assets, the degree of protection offered to depositors, and the scale and scope of liquidity support that is offered to institutions and markets," he said.

As Lipsky spoke, news reports said the Bush administration is considering a plan to create a federal agency similar to the 1990s-era Resolution Trust Corp to take on problem assets from financial institutions.

Lipsky told reporters afterwards such a step would be one of the broad measures that would be appropriate at this time, especially during turbulent times that makes it difficult to value assets. "The need is for a broad approach, a consistent approach, one that is not piecemeal," he added. **REUTERS**

then there is an incentive to protect the stock, which reduces collapse. We saw this across the globe," he said in a statement.

COURT A U.S. soldier who admitted involvement in the shooting of detainees in Iraq early last year has been sentenced to seven months in jail and will be dishonourably discharged, the army said on Thursday. Specialist Belmor Ramos, 23, pleaded guilty at a court martial to charges of conspiracy to commit premeditated murder. He agreed to testify in the trials of other soldiers involved, the army said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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Marine biologist Pam Schaller is trailed by a group of South African penguins at the California Academy of Sciences building in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco yesterday. The facility's new design unifies the Academy's original set of 12 buildings and is one of 10 pilot "green building" projects of the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

Hit Colombian show breaks cocaine taboo

TV Colombians do not like outsiders portraying their country as a cocaine nation, but that's not keeping many from watching a smash local soap opera about their multibillion-dollar narcotics trade.

Betrayal, murder and the lust for quick riches, while not the stuff of national pride, make for gripping TV in Cartel de los Sapos (Cartel of the Snitches), starring Robinson Diaz, Manolo Cardona, Diego Cadavid and Natalia Umana, about the powerful Norte del Valle drug smuggling organization.

Tracing how the cartel supplanted the once-mighty Medellin and Cali gangs, the series is the first to spotlight Colombia's drug lords, their surgically-enhanced girlfriends, violent lackeys and the dirty politicians and police who permit the world's biggest cocaine trade to flourish.

The No. 1-rated show is tinged with nostalgia for the early days of cocaine trafficking

and the explosion of wealth it brought Colombians willing to use crime to escape the country's rigid class structure and dead-end economy.

"We identify with the story," said Diana Ramirez, 24, a waitress from Cali and fan of the show. "Sure it's ugly and violent, but it also has its charm."

The series puts the flamboyant characters of the 1980s and 1990s into historical context and shows how deeply the cartels have corrupted Colombian society, a taboo subject in the popular media until now.

The show accurately points out that many of the founders of the Norte del Valle cartel were former police officers.

Names are changed and the fun for many viewers is in identifying which characters are based on real-life criminals and their cronies, such as a top fashion model whose trafficker husband was famously chopped into pieces by a rival gang. **REUTERS**



Umana

U.S. Congress aims to extend flood insurance seven months

RELIEF The troubled U.S. flood insurance program would be temporarily extended for seven months under legislation introduced in Congress yesterday, buying time for lawmakers to work out deep disagreements over reforming the debt-burdened program.

The short-term extension would prevent the National Flood Insurance Program from expiring as scheduled on Sept. 30. Expiration could further unsettle already fragile U.S. housing markets.

With Texas recovering from Hurricane Ike and the Midwest from heavy flooding, Massachusetts Rep. Barney Frank introduced the extension bill in the House, saying it would give negotiators time to complete work on a permanent extension and "assess the implications of the 2008 hurricane season."

"I am disappointed that a permanent solution is not before us, but we can and should extend the program while we work on that final bill," said Frank. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Guaranteeing individual fishermen a share of the catch could help avert a global collapse of fisheries, U.S. researchers said yesterday. Such programs, known as catch-shares, eliminate the frantic race to get the biggest share of the catch as in traditional open-access fishing, a system that promotes overfishing and habitat destruction, putting a key global food supply at risk. "Under open access, you have a free-for-all race to fish, which ultimately leads to collapse," said Christopher Costello of the University of California, Santa Barbara, whose study appears in the journal Science. "But when you allocate shares of the catch,

Nokia to debut phone with free music access

Nokia's first phone with free access to music is scheduled to go on sale Oct. 17 in Britain. The "Comes with Music" bundle could help the music industry offset falling CD sales and challenge Apple's iTunes in the digital market. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Business in brief

AIRLINES WestJet Airlines and Porter Airlines followed Air Canada's lead yesterday and dropped their extra fee for a second piece of checked baggage. Air Canada said it was in response to lower fuel prices.

HOUSING Canadian home builders' profits will slide three per cent in 2008 and 2009 on weaker demand, but the market will not suffer a meltdown like in the U.S., a think-tank said. **REUTERS**

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Top bankers meet in effort to mend U.S. credit crisis

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney huddled yesterday afternoon with a group of top Canadian bank executives in a closed-door, 90-minute meeting in Toronto as part of a feverish effort to mend money markets fractured by the crumbling U.S. financial sector.

Just 12 hours earlier, the world's biggest central banks had joined forces to pump a staggering \$180 billion US into the global financial system in a bid to resuscitate bank-to-bank lending, which had once again seized up following

this week's historic shake-up on Wall Street.

Concerned that the lending rate had surged overnight to a seven-year high, the U.S. Federal Reserve made the funds available to other major central banks to lend to their local commercial banks in a bid to get U.S. dollars circulating again in short-term money markets.

Carney provided executives with the "context around" his decision earlier in the day to team up with the Federal Reserve and other central banks.

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N.Y. scrutinizing short-selling

TRADING Concerned about market destabilization, New York's attorney general yesterday began a probe into possible illegal short-selling of stocks in Gold-

man Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley, as well as troubled firms Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and American International Group Inc.

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Sports

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“We have great respect for the work Wayne did with us”

Calgary Flames General Manager Darryl Sutter speaking about assistant coach Wayne Fleming.



Leaving

The Calgary Flames announced yesterday that the organization has accepted the resignation of assistant coach Wayne Fleming, left. Fleming accepted a coaching job in Russia. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sarah takes over at QB for Patriots

Thanks to SNL’s Seth Meyers skit Matt Cassel earns himself a unique nickname

YorkReport

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His name is **Matt Cassel**, a relatively anonymous replacement for the injured **Tom Brady** as the New England Patriots’ quarterback. His nickname, though, is Sarah. It’s a new nickname, inherited after comedian **Seth Meyers** told millions of Saturday Night Live viewers in his most recent mock news-cast that Cassel has emerged as “an untested, inexperi-

enced backup,” much like U.S. vice-presidential candidate **Sarah Palin**. Sarah is 1-0 as an NFL starter and could easily improve to 2-0 when CFL discard **Ricky Williams** and the equally dreadful Miami Dolphins visit New England this Sunday.

- More on Cassel: His wife is **Lauren Killian**, a renowned U.S. volleyball player. The best man at their wedding was Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **Carson Palmer**.
- And Cassel’s mother is **Barbara Brennan-Cassel**, a set decorator who won an Emmy Award last year for her role in the TV special Tony Bennett: An American

Carpenter might be done


- Ex-Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Chris Carpenter may have pitched his final game, sources have told Metro sports columnist Marty York. The St. Louis Cardinals fear a nerve condition is causing Carpenter irreparable muscle deterioration in his right (throwing) arm.

Classic.

- There’s talk at Cal State Fullerton that football will be reintroduced at the U.S. college by next year. Until last week, Cal State Fullerton products were career leaders in the CFL in passing (**Damon Allen**), rushing (**Mike Pringle**) and receiving (**Allen Pitts**). Winnipeg’s **Milt Stegall** surpassed Pitts in receiving during the Blue Bombers’ rout in Toronto last week.

er wonderful on Monday nights? He’s living proof that, if you don’t want dull-as-dishwater sports presentations on the air, then you must refrain from hiring crews of exclusively ex-players who have trouble with the language and are clueless when it comes to providing interesting or entertaining information. Some can simply ruin your broadcasts with their baffle-gab, as illustrated consistently this season by Sportsnet’s **Rance Mulliniks** and TSN’s **Chris Schultz**. Sadly, they seldom make sense on the airwaves.

- And remember that crackpot minor-league manager who became fa-




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mous earlier this season for an on-field meltdown in which he demanded that the umpire he was screaming at smell his shoes and underarm? You’ve seen the video. Well, **Phillip Wellman** was promoted this week by Atlanta in what amounts to the coaching version of a September callup. He’s been ordered by Braves manager **Bobby Cox** to keep a low profile.

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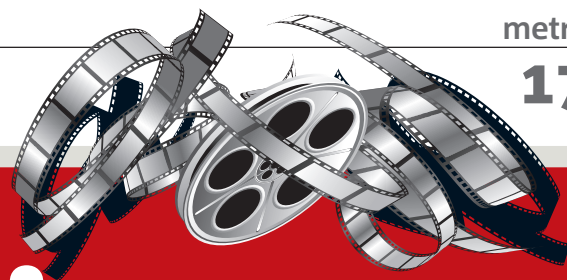
NFL In the uncertain world of professional football, it’s best to play it safe. Take Dan Federkeil, for example, the former University of Calgary Dino standout in his third season as an offensive lineman with the Indianapolis Colts. The 25-year-old Medicine Hat product has cracked the starting lineup this season, cause for celebration. Yet he’s been protecting his wallet almost as well as he guards quarterback Peyton Manning, unwilling to let his NFL success go to his head. “I still just have a one-bedroom apartment, so I’m not spending too much money,” said Federkeil, who earns \$450,000 US each season. “It’s nice to be able to buy things but I’m not living too high (on the hog). It’s nice that now the money I spend comes from me and not my parents.” Of course there is that shiny Toyota Tundra truck parked in the driveway, big enough to lug Federkeil’s 6-foot-6 frame and 290 pounds through the streets of Indianapolis. But Federkeil is cognizant of the volatile nature of his line of work and the often fleeting status of a starting job. In fact, he has moved up the depth chart due, in part, to knee injuries to teammates Mike Pollock and Ryan Lilja. Federkeil entered the season with just 10 NFL games under his belt in a backup role. The move to the starting roster means a more narrow focus in practice but more pressure to perform on Sunday. Those heightened expectations would have been hard to handle in his first season but just part of the maturity process in his third year. “I’ve settled down in that respect,” Federkeil said. Federkeil’s Colts (1-1) host the Jacksonville Jaguars (2-0) on Sunday.

Dan Federkeil has cracked the starting lineup with the Indianapolis Colts.

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Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 5:10			
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Oscars delay

ABC executives are asking the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to push next year's Oscar ceremonies to March in order to avoid a possible audience loss due to the analog-to-digital switchover on Feb. 17. The Oscars are currently scheduled for Feb. 22. IMDB.COM



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Movies & Entertainment

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Kate gets kinky

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In her newest part in *My Best Friend's Girl*, Kate Hudson says she relished doing two things she rarely does on film — curse a lot and portray a sexually aggressive woman.

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Ghost Town clearly aims at exposing Ricky Gervais.

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Same old territory seen in Ghost Town

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Ghost Town

Director: David Koepp
Stars: Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear

Classification: PG-13
Rating: ●●●●

REVIEW If you don't know who Ricky Gervais is, Ghost Town is staring straight at you. Why? Well, because this all-too-familiar romantic comedy is desperately aiming to expose the British comic sensation to a new audience.

Gervais plays a selfish arse of a dentist named Pincus who, after a near-death experience, obtains the sole ability to communicate with New York City's ghosts — those who are walking around, waiting to earn their wings by completing unfinished business with their loved ones.

Philanderer Greg Kinnear is one of them, and he asks the dentist to help him scare off his ex-wife's new arm candy. Instead, Pincus falls heads over heels for her and learns to change his ways.

Obviously, there's nothing entirely new about this

film. Whether it's the classic It's a Wonderful Life, or 1990's Ghost, or even The Sixth Sense, this movie shares too many similarities with cinema's previous sentimental takes on with the afterlife.

The plot is familiar. The characters are familiar. It's not even original how characters buy the farm.

The truth is, the only real difference that matters in this film is Ricky Gervais. Gervais provides the only real lift, which gives Ghost Town a sniff of freshness. The creator and star of the British version of The Office, Gervais characterizes Pincus in his usual self-consumed manner and is at his best when he's being a jerk.

R-rated Kate cuts loose

Kate Hudson rose to movie stardom playing sweet all-American girls, but in her newest part in *My Best Friend's Girl*, which debuts in theatres today, she relished doing two things she rarely does on film — curse a lot and portray a sexually aggressive woman.

Since winning wide acclaim and an Oscar nomination as rock 'n' roll groupie Penny Lane in 2000's *Almost Famous*, Hudson has worked in numerous romantic comedies, including *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, *You, Me and Dupree*, and *Fool's Gold*.

But unlike the others, which were aimed at audiences of all ages, *My Best Friend's Girl* features strong language and sexual content, which restricts the U.S. audience mostly to adults.

"I finally got to swear and say and do certain things that most people say to each other in normal, everyday life," Hudson said.



From left, Dane Cook, Jason Biggs and Kate Hudson at the L.A. premiere of *My Best Friend's Girl*.

"I got a little taste of what those Sex and the City girls were up to for so long, which was fun," she added, noting May's adult-oriented blockbuster comedy based on the lives and love affairs of four single women living in New York City.

In *My Best Friend's Girl*, Hudson stars opposite Dane Cook and Jason Biggs,

playing a lawyer who is scared away from monogamous relationships by her ex-lover (Biggs) and wants to make the best of being single with perennial bachelor Tank (Cook).

Tank, who has mastered the art of seducing and offending women, meets his equal in Alexis when he is hired by his best friend to

steer her back toward him.

Cook, a standup comedian, praised Hudson's comic timing, saying she has the ability to work straight from the dialogue in a script or improvise with equal prowess.

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Film festival

- The Calgary International Film Festival starts tonight and runs until Sept. 28.

Apparently (if witty advertising campaigns are to be believed, and they almost always should be), the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is "33 per cent less fartsy" this year.

I think this means the festival, which starts tonight and runs until Sept. 28, hopes to appeal to more than just pasty-skinned cinephiles. Of course, if you aren't one, you probably have no idea what cinephile even means. It's a film geek. Oops — I mean "enthusiast."

Calgary's cinephiles began plotting plans of attack to see as many films as possible weeks ago. For the rest of you, here are some less fartsy selections at this year's festival. But I can't promise they won't be at least a little artsy.

If you like Sex and the City, check out *Cloud Nine*, a German film about a scandalous love affair; *Eleven Minutes*, a fashion documentary; and *Rachel Getting Married*, a flick about an outcast at her sister's wedding. And *Steel Magnolia*-types might want to take in *Mothers and Daughters*.

For fans of *Spinal Tap*, the rockumentary and the rock mockumentary, the festival offers up *Anvil! The Story of Anvil*; *Song Sung Blue*; *Who is KK Downey?*; and *The Sweet Lady With the Nasty Voice*. There's also *The 27 Club*, a Metro-sponsored feature film exploring that magic age when music legends meet their maker.

Should drug-addled rants a la *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* turn your fancy, try *Fix*, *Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson* and

This Beautiful City.

Those of you who stomach Seven should consider *The Seven Deadly Sins*, a selection of seven shorts with one sin per deadly deed. Sports nuts can catch *Junior*, a doc investigating the high-pressure world of junior hockey negotiations, and a boxing film called *Hope for the Broken Contender*.

Scary-movie lovers need to see *REC*, *Alone* and *Home Movie*. Bookworms will want to revisit based-on-the-novel flicks like *Leave Her to Heaven*, *Blindness* and *Paraiso Travel*.

Kenny vs. Spenny junkies can get a fix from Spencer Rice's feature film *Confessions of a Porn Addict*. And Kevin Smith fans will be lining up for his latest film, *Zach and Miri Make a Porno*.

Whew! That was a lot of work. I need a nap. No problem. I'll just sleep through one of those super artsy, fartsy films. For CIFF times, locations, tickets and more movies, go to www.calgaryfilm.com.

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Tough crowd on the Terrace

Samuel L. Jackson film explores not-so-neighbourly relations

Lakeview Terrace

Director: Neil LaBute

Stars: Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



If you think the neighbour playing his Nickelback CD too loud is irritating, wait until you meet Abel Turner in Lakeview Terrace. Now that is a bad neighbour.

In the Neil LaBute thriller, Samuel L. Jackson plays the racist LAPD cop and widowed father who rules his small cul-de-sac with the iron fist of Stalin. When interracial couple Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa (Kerry Washington) move in next door, Turner sees to it to drive the newlyweds out — even if that means dumping Chris' disposed ciggy butts back on his own lawn or refusing to turn his security lights away from the couple's bedroom window.

I know that sounds pretty lame, but Turner's actions are underscored by a spreading wildfire and the subtext of discrimination.

While the tension builds, so do the violent,



Patrick Wilson, left, and Samuel L. Jackson are less than neighbourly in Neil LaBute's Lakeview Terrace.

destructive battles between Turner and Chris until the neighborhood literally goes up in flames.

Although LaBute is known for crafting clever, biting social commentary in earlier films like In the Company of Men, here he

serves solely as director, and that may be the flick's prime weakness.

The script indeed could've used LaBute's touch, but at least the material is ripe for his sociological sensibilities (unlike his last effort, The Wicker

Man).

Labute was also smart to cast Jackson, who gives a powerful performance; despite the fact his character's leanings are never really convincingly explained.

Still, Jackson is playing

one of his most intense roles in recent memory. With themes of race and fear explored in a tone similar to Oscar-winner Crash, Lakeview Terrace is a nail-biter that stays with you long after the fire.

Spielberg's latest takes technology to task

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada



If Shia LaBeouf has learned one thing, it's that if Steven Spielberg asks you to star in a movie, you say "Yes."

That was the case for the 22-year-old actor and director D.J. Caruso, after Spielberg hatched the idea for Eagle Eye.

"He initially wanted to direct it," says LaBeouf recently in an interview, explaining that his role was also originally tapped for Tom Cruise. Instead, Spielberg got distracted with the fourth Indiana Jones movie — which also co-starred LaBeouf.

"It went to me and D.J.," he says about the director, who also worked with LaBeouf on Disturbia. "It was kind of beautiful that way."

Spielberg's original con-



Shia LaBeouf, left, and Michelle Monaghan star in Eagle Eye, from Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks studio.

cept was born years ago when the auteur wanted to address society's obsession with technology.

In the thriller — it hits theatres next Friday —

LaBeouf plays Jerry Shaw, an innocent slacker who receives a strange call on his cellphone. He is suddenly thrust into the middle of an international con-

spiracy, manipulated by a faceless enemy with full control over just about anything plugged in.

"When this idea first popped into Steven's head, it was 10 years ago; it was a sci-fi idea and now it's not a sci-fi idea. It's a realistic thriller, and the fact that your conversations can be listened to and recorded in so many facets, it's scary," says LaBeouf, adding that we are traceable by cellphones, security cameras, credit cards and the like.

"People think that actors get followed around by paparazzi and that's terrifying. What they don't realize is that everyone is being followed. That's happening now. That's not a sci-fi idea — that's the way the world is."

Robert McKee might add that there's another problem with technology. Recently, the screenwriting

"Everyone is being followed."

Shia LaBeouf

guru blasted the use of cellphones in movies, saying the technology "takes away a possible source of conflict — the difficulty of communicating."

LaBeouf says Eagle Eye hopes to debunk that theory.

"Cellphones were initially created to bring people closer together, to allow more human interaction, and what (we've) done with advancements of technology is move people away from each other," he says.

"Once human interaction is gone completely, the world gets really weird, really fast. That's the world that we live in, and this movie is turning that on its head."

Igor

Director: Anthony Leondis

Stars: John Cusack, Molly Shannon

Classification: G

Rating: ●●●●●

Laugh along with Igor

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada



REVIEW This film is a tribute to all those little forgotten people in every monster movie — all those "Igor's." You know, like when the mad scientist says: "Igor, pull the switch!"

We are in the land of Malaria. Every year, all the mad scientists gather present their latest evil creation designed to wreak havoc on the world.

Our hero (Igor, of course) has always wanted to be a mad scientist "but since I was born with this hunch on my back, I was sent to Igor school to be trained as an assistant."

The animated Igor (à la Shrek) is a very funny movie. It may appear to be a cartoon for the kids, but the dialogue is quite sophisticated and a delight for adults as well; especially adults who have grown up watching all those horror films from James Whale's original Frankenstein to Mel Brooks's Young Frankenstein — and everything in between.

John Cusack is the voice behind Igor while Molly Shannon plays his monster creation Evil — who doesn't quite get the concept and prefers to be a gentle giant named Eva.

Igor is furious when an accidental brainwashing (watching James Lipton's Inside the Actors Studio) turns Eva into an actress.

"You made my monster an actress?" he asks incredulously, as if this is the greatest insult he can imagine.

And Eva truly becomes an actress.

"Let me see," says our cartoon monster, "I have to get to my yoga class, have new head shots taken and adopt all the children in the world."

Steve Buscemi, Eddie Izzard, John Cleese, Jennifer Coolidge and even Jay Leno add their voices to the fun.

The kids will enjoy the animated antics but adults will find themselves guffawing at the double-edged dialogue and scathing social commentary.

Igor is a very funny movie, indeed.

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Screen Times

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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:50-9:40

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:35

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:40-7:05

Mongol (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:6-45-9:30

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 7

Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:10

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:7-20-9:50

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Death Race (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:30 Mon 1:30-4:40-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:30

Ghost Town (PG) Fri-Mon 1:3-40-6:30-9:45 Tue 3:40-6:30-9:45 Wed-Thu 1:3-40-6:30-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

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Igor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-7-9:30

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Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:35-10:25

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Brad Pitt is shown in a scene from Burn After Reading, which is currently in theatres.

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Music

South Korean star tries U.S. market

PEOPLE South Korean pop sensation BoA, dubbed by fans as her country's version of Britney Spears, plans to take on Britney with the release of her first U.S. single in October. BoA

has already conquered Japan and her home country with her high-powered dance music and is trying to be one of a slew of Asian stars looking to make it big in the United States. **REUTERS**

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Mother Mother grows up

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
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It's 8 a.m. in Vancouver and Ryan Guldemon, lead singer for indie pop act Mother Mother, is wide awake. "I'm an early riser," says the chipper vocalist. His alertness is impressive considering most musicians don't wake up before noon. "Maybe I'd sleep in 10 years ago, but I have to get stuff done now," he says.

So what's keeping the Quadra Island, B.C.-born artist busy? "I'm getting a haircut," he says over the phone. "And I have to write a set list."

Guldemon might be getting ahead of himself on this last task — the band doesn't start its cross-Canada tour until October — but he views things differently. With a new album now in stores, the guitarist has two albums of material to choose from and he's planning "longer, more orchestrated" shows. "I want to put some thought into this," he says.

If he wants any advice, it's stack the set with new songs, as the five-piece (which also includes Molly Guldemon, Debra-Jean Creelman, Jeremy Page and Ali Siadat) have written one of the more captivating pop



MARK MARANO/CLASH! GANG RECORDS

With sophisticated, pristine pop and layered boy-girl harmonies, it's hard to imagine O My Heart — the new album from Mother Mother — not being embraced by a plethora of new fans.

albums of the year. Unlike Touch Up, their critically acclaimed debut, which dabbled in pop, folk and, occasionally, jazz, O My Heart is a record of complex, New Pornographers-like rock.

"It's more modern," says Guldemon. "There were a lot of things all over the first record, but we can't do a mishmash everytime. Touch Up was cool in that it was eclectic and there were different genres people could draw from, but doing that again would have been redundant."

With sophisticated, pris-

tine pop and layered boy-girl harmonies, it's hard to imagine O My Heart not being embraced by a plethora of new fans. But, Guldemon admits that it's not the perfect record. "You go through spells of hating the whole thing, and the week after you mix and master it you hear it for what it is and appreciate it. You've got to come to love the imperfection because they're there to stay."

The goal for Mother Mother isn't to write a mistake-free disc anyway, they want their live perform-

ance to outdo anything they've recorded. "We spend more time living and breathing the songs in a live format so it's only inevitable that they will get to greater heights than what's on the album," Guldemon explains.

Until their first show in October though, Guldemon can't help but be a bit apprehensive about how people will take to Mother Mother's more straight ahead sound. "I'm excited and nervous," he says. "I guess everybody fears rejection, me included."

When pop music goes political

SoundCheck

Alan Cross



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By my reckoning, this is only the fifth time since Confederation that Canadian and American federal elections have run more-or-less concurrently (1900, 1908, 1988, 2000 and 2008).

Not only are we being bombarded with policies, platforms and promises, some of our favourite songs are being presented in a new context: The campaign theme song.

Back in the olden days, political parties simply wrote new words to standard favourites (Dixie, Yankee Doodle and even, believe it or not, O Tannebaum) to suit their campaigns. Brass bands and drum corps were pressed in-

to service wherever the candidate showed up to make a speech or kiss a few babies. Song sheets were distributed to the crowds who were invited to sing along.

The hope was that the lyrics might sear the issues of the election into their brains and that through song, enthusiasm for the candidate and the party might build.

Today, that's too much work, so candidates adopt verbatim versions of popular tracks. And while most people think that this is a fairly recent development, it's not.

The borrowing of pop tunes for political purposes goes back at least as far as 1928 when New York Governor Al Smith used a song from the 1890s called Side-walks of New York in his battle against Herbert Hoover. FDR, looking to boost the spirits of Depression-battered America in the election of '32, co-opted Happy Days Are Here Again, a 1929 hit by Leo Reisman

and his Orchestra. Since then, it's essentially been the unofficial theme song of the Democratic Party.

While John F. Kennedy used Sinatra and High Hopes to beat Richard Nixon in 1960, politicians slipped back into the old ways for 1964 when both Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater had songs commissioned especially for them. Same with Nixon in '68, who used Nixon's the One, written by the guy who scored Peter Pan on Broadway and an NBC TV executive.

It wasn't until George McGovern ran against Nixon in '72 that a pop song was again adopted for a political campaign — although why the Democrats chose the downbeat Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon and Garfunkel is beyond me. No wonder Nixon won in a landslide.

In 1976, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter went at it with cheesy commissioned themes that didn't do much



John F. Kennedy used the song High Hopes, popularized by singer Frank Sinatra, during his run for the White House.

to inspire the electorate. It wasn't until an ex-actor from California showed up in 1980 that things began to get really interesting.

Next time: Rockin' presidents and PMs.

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This Day In Music History

Singer and music producer Daniel Lanois was born in Hull, Que. In addition to his own work, he has produced albums by Bob Dylan, U2, Brian Eno, Peter Gabriel, Emmylou Harris, Scott Weiland and Robbie Robertson. **REUTERS**

**Music**

Composers mix music, Bushisms

What do George W. Bush and Donald Rumsfeld have in common with empty soft drink bottles and two British music composers?

They are all part of a new classical music tour of

Britain, which throws politics and percussion together in works by composers Graham Fitkin and Gabriel Prokofiev. Both composers have abandoned traditional classical instruments for

more exotic music-making, using such things as the xylosynth, a cross between the xylophone and a synthesizer, glass bottles and oil drums.

Fitkin's musical piece

Chain of Command uses vocal samples taken from speeches made by Bush and Rumsfeld about the Iraq war as well as inquiries into prisoner abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison. **REUTERS**

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Guest stars on **CSI:NY's 100th episode**
 Scott Wolf, left, will join Rumer Willis and Julia Ormond in CSI: NY's 100th episode on Nov. 19, reports ew.com.
 Wolf and Willis are two of the dozen or so Mac Taylors being targeted by a serial killer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Television

Entertainment in brief

TV SERIES Denise Richards has confirmed her reality TV show *It's Complicated* has been re-commissioned for a second series, imdb.com reports. The actress quashed earlier rumours the show is to be cancelled by U.S. network E! "It's coming back for another season. We start filming in a few months," she said.

RUMOUR Michelle Rodriguez has fuelled rumours she is returning to the cast of hit TV show *Lost*, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Rodriguez's character, cop Ana Lucia Cortez, was killed off in the second season of the ABC show. But Internet gossips claim she is set to return in flashback scenes.

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The decline of civility

Filmmaker chronicles when and how society lost its manners

RICK MCGINNIS
 Metro Canada



While few people would deny that politeness is in decline, quantifying precisely how and in what ways requires a bit of work.

Director John Curtin's documentary *To Hell With Manners*, airing this Saturday night on CTV, gives our unease about civility's ebb a face by sending a pregnant woman out onto Toronto public transit, with what are sadly predictable results.

"I was a little afraid of that because I'd promised CTV this scene in which we demonstrate that people are rude because they don't offer a seat," Curtin recalls. "I grew up in Toronto, and it always had a reputation for being sometimes a boring city, but at least very livable — polite, etc. etc. That was the most shocking thing for me — that there was no difficulty filming that. It didn't take more than one rush hour and one afternoon to con-

"How can you be attentive to other people if you're constantly being distracted?"

Director John Curtin

firm what pregnant women all over the place told me — that they don't get offered a place on the subway."

Using a host of experts and William Shatner's wry narration, Curtin's film offers the thesis that we've become more isolated, often by choice. Sprawling suburbs, long commutes, and the effects of technology — e-mail, cellphones, iPods and an embarrassment of home entertainment options — have eroded the bonds that proximity, family and simple lack of choice once held in place. "How can you be attentive to other people if you're constantly being distracted?" Curtin asks.

His film proposes that the decline really took on speed in the '60s, when personal

CTV PHOTO



Montreal filmmaker John Curtin's documentary *To Hell with Manners* airs on CTV on Saturday.

fulfillment became a priority for a whole generation, and the culture of manners and respect taught by their parents was dismissed as mere conformity. Shame also became another bad word, but it's becoming clear that, in the long run, the baby of civility seems to have been thrown out with the bathwater.

"There's certainly a good reason to conform to certain notions, but the fact is that we associate conformity with such a negative thing. If you lived in an Asian society conformity wouldn't have such negative overtones, but in the West we're all such free individuals who are in the process of self-realization."

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Viewers turning to quality

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EYES ON THE PRIZE: Things are looking up on the quality cable front, and ratings have improved on one highly publicized new show and another critic's darling, probably because everything we've

seen so far from the major networks has been a big letdown. If this trend continues for the next month or two we could see the the old networks' claim on TV audiences collapse even faster than we thought. But maybe that's just me being the optimist, as usual.

HBO's *True Blood*, the bayou vampire show from *Six Feet Under* creator Alan Ball that debuted to unimpressive numbers earlier this month, picked up an impressive 24 per

cent rise in viewers with its second episode, which Boedeker of the Miami Sentinel.

something to do with TiVo'd episodes and downloads having an effect that Nielsen can't measure. This

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second season, so let's hope that this momentum won't end up being scuttled by AMC's decision to rerun the Three

Sundays episode this Sunday, a curious move that's apparently meant to drive *Mad Men* fans to the Emmy Awards broadcast, where the show is expected to add to the four Creative Emmys it won last weekend.

Its main competition is HBO's historical miniseries *John Adams*, but the AMC show is pulling strong odds to be the first non-HBO cable program to win the best drama

award, at least according to a Reuters story this week. *Mad Men* is nominated in six categories, to be announced during a show jointly emceed by all of the hosts of the nominees for best reality show, including Jeff Probst, Ryan Seacrest and Heidi Klum.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Dee hits the road

I Comedian Gerry Dee, who is known for his third-place finish on the NBC show *Last Comic Standing*, is about to start a coast-to-coast comedy tour that will stop in 20 Canadian cities. It starts Oct. 2 in Ottawa and runs until the end of the year.

5 Pushing Daisies: The Complete First Season

Season 1 of the quirky show comes in a three-disc DVD set that includes an interactive featurette with pie slices as your entrée and members of the cast and creative team serving up secrets from the series.



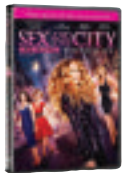
The Simpsons

2 The Simpsons claimed television's highest honour for a prime-time cartoon at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards recently, extending the show's record-winning streak. It marked the 10th time that The Simpsons, which has aired for 19 seasons, was named best half-hour animated show.



3 Sex and the City

Sex and the City, the movie will be available on DVD Tuesday. The movie adaptation of the HBO comedy series of the same name is already a top seller on Amazon.ca.



Curbing tobacco marketing

4 Cancer Research U.K. is trying to protect children from the health dangers of tobacco. The charity is calling on the government to close loopholes by banning the sale of cigarettes in vending machines, stopping tobacco displays in shops at the point of sale, and packaging tobacco products in plain packaging.

6 Funky tights

6 This winter, legs warm up to tights splashed out in bright colours, such as electric blue, and patterns, like lace, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Wear them with a chic and simple outfit to pull off the look.

7 Obama film on hold

Actor Edward Norton has agreed to stop talking about his upcoming Barack Obama documentary for fear of tainting the upcoming U.S. presidential elections. The film, an historical record, is slated for release in November.

... and what's not

Just plain sad

The arrests of actor Ryan O'Neal and his son, Redmond (pictured), on suspicion of drug possession this week is another chapter in the O'Neals' tumultuous history. Ryan O'Neal was arrested last February on suspicion of assaulting his son, Griffin, but charges were never filed, and Redmond was on probation for an earlier heroin arrest. A probation officer had allegedly found methamphetamine in their Malibu, Calif., home Wednesday.



FRIDAY

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pretime 9/19/08	243 317 3 CFCN	eTalk	Hollywood	Greek (N)			Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Law & Order			News (N)
	- 371 5 KXLY	News	News	Entertainment	The Insider (N)		America's Funniest Home Videos				20/20 (N)
	245 306 6 CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.		Doctor Who (N)	CBC News: The National			The Hour
	244 338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men			NUMB3RS (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (HDTV)			News Hour
	246 - 8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen			Survivorman (DVS)	Kaya	Most Amazing		Your City
	119 705 9 CBXTF	Du coeur au ventre (SC)		Paquet voleur (HDTV) (SC)			Zone doc (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)			TJ Alberta
news	- 372 12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)			Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (HDTV)			NUMB3RS
	- 374 14 KPSP	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin		Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS (N)			Donovan-Live
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune		America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Dateline NBC			
	- 373 22 KAYU	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men		Smarter than a 5th Grader?	Don't Forget the Lyrics!			News (N)
	502 390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate			CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National			Newman
	500 500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live			Cooper 360
sports	501 391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet			News
	400 400 21 TSN	CFL Football: Blue Bombers at Tiger-Cats		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)				2008 World Series of Poker			Poker
family	408 418 27 net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)			Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Connected (Live)			Ult. Fighter
	552 543 20 YTV	The Next Star (N)		Drake & Josh	iCarly		Grease *** (1978, Musical)	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John.			
cable variety	557 541 39 FAM	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	Camp Rock (2008)		Musical Comedy)	(10:04) Matilda *** (1996, Comedy)			
	- - 18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	20/20 (N)			Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal		News (N)
	603 561 25 FOOD	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted		Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Iron Chef America		Tasty Travels
	615 520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)			Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Rush"			CSI: Miami
	617 522 32 SHOW	Wife Swap		The Best Years (DVS)			The Guard	Cock'd Gunns	Kenny-Spenny		Webdreams
	520 505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Ireland"		Alexander the Great: Unsolved			Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Ireland"			Greensburg
	628 584 43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight Night (HDTV)				MANswers			GameTrailers
	522 516 45 HIST	Blow Down (N)		NCIS "Blowback"			Shockwave	Blow Down			NCIS
581 566 102 MTV	Paris Casting Special		The Hills	The Hills		After	Cribs	Making the Band 4			The Hills

SATURDAY

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prime	9/20/08	243 317 3	CFCN	W-FIVE-Manners		Plain Truth (2004, Drama) Mariska Hargitay, Alison Pill.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)					
		- 371 5	KXLX	(6) College Football Georgia at Arizona State. (HDTV) (Live)				Explorer TV		Gubernatorial Debate		Ent. Tonight					
		245 306 6	CBRT	The Nature of Things		The Brothers Grimm ** (2005, Fantasy) Matt Damon.				Being Julia (2004, Comedy-Drama)							
		244 338 7	CICT	Disasters of the Century		Painkiller Jane "Pilot"			Tanker Time Bomb (N)		Ultimate-Engineering		News (N)				
		246 - 8	CKAL	Survivorman (DVS)		Kaya	Role	Inertia ** (2001, Comedy-Drama) Jonas Chernick.			The City Show						
		119 705 9	CBXF1T	Le Moment de vérité (SC)		3600 secondes d'extase (SC)		Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie		Le Téléjournal	Les Poupées russes (2005)						
		- 372 12	KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	Cold Case "Thrill Kill"		The Unit "Inside Out"		NCIS (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery					
		- 374 14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By		Dial M for Murder *** (1954, Mystery) Ray Milland.		Frank Sinatra						
		- 370 16	KHQ	News (N)	Primetime Pre.	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Chuck (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law Order: CI					
		- 373 22	KAYU	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men		Two/Half Men		Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)				
news		502 390 15	CBC	Sat. Report		Behind Ballot		Geologic Journey		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Behind Ballot	Geo. Journey			
		500 500 29	CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Saturday Night					
		501 391 52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News		CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News					
		400 440 21	TSN	CFL Football	CFL Football BC	Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders. From Mosaic Stadium in Regina.						SportsCentre	NASCAR Race				
family	sports		408 418 27	net	Saturday Night Poker		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live)						Sportsnet Con				
			552 543 20	YTV	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.	Wolverine		Transformers		Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks		
cable	variety		557 541 39	FAM	Naturally Sadie	Flight 29 Down		That's-Raven		Zoey 101		Life Derek		Han. Montana		Men in Black *** (1997, Comedy)	
			- - 18	CHTV	E News	The Soup (N)		Fashion Rocks		New Kids		New Kids on the Block: The E!		True Hollywood Story (N)		E News	
			603 561 25	FOOD	Dinner Imposs.		Bobby Flay		Top Chef "Puerto Rico"		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Top Chef		
			615 520 26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)				The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		
			617 522 32	SHOW	TBA	Billable Hours		About a Girl		Kink in Hair		A Daughter's Conviction (2006, Mystery) Brooke Nevin.		Collateral			
			520 505 35	DISC	After the Catch				Crisss Angel		Crisss Angel		A Haunting		Dirty Jobs		Crisss Angel
			628 584 43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.				The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)		TNA iMPACT!				CSI: Crime Sc		
			522 516 45	HIST	Dogfights				NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		Ancestors		Ancestors		Mission: Impossible 2 (2000, Action)		
			581 566 102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model				Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Presents		Cribs		MTV Shuffle		MTV Live

SUNDAY

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pretime 9/21/08	243	317	3	CFCN	Without a Trace (N)		The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming.				News (N)			
	-	371	5	KKLY	4 News at 6	Inside Edition	Jimmy Kimmel's Big Night		The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards (HDTV)					
	245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (HDTV)		The Englishman's Boy (2008, Drama)		Michael Theriault.	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Hunt-Predators		
	244	338	7	CICT	renegade	depress	The Simpsons		Family Guy (PA)		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Heroes (HDTV) (N)	News (N)
	246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch	Friends	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Survivorman (DVS)		Reviews	
	119	705	9	CBXFT	Découverte	Et Dieu créa	Tout le monde en parle (HDTV) (Season Premiere) (SC)				(10:15) Le Téléjournal (SC)		SMASH (SC)	
	-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Upfront	60 Minutes		Cold Case (HDTV)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Criminal Minds	
	-	374	14	KSPS	Spain ... On the Road Again		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Mystery! (N) (DVS)				Masterpiece Mystery!	
	-	370	16	KHQ	(6:15) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Green Bay Packers.				Best Sports		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Miami	
	-	373	22	KAYU	American Idol Rewind		American Dad		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (PA)		News (N)	
news	502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		The Assassination of Bobby Kennedy		Our World		CBC News: Sunday Night		Assassination	
	500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
	501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News		CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
sports	400	400	21	TSN	(6:15) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Green Bay Packers.				SportsCentre		Motoring 2008		NASCAR Now	
	408	418	27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter	
family	552	543	20	YTV	The Bad News Bears *** (1976, Comedy) Walter Matthau.				Prank Patrol		The Next Star		Falcon Beach	
	557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	You've Got Mail (1998, Romance-Comedy)			
cable variety	-	-	18	CHTV	Countdown to the Red Carpet: Primetime Emmy Awards				True Hollywood Story		Final 24 "Jim Morrison"		FANatical	
	603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home		Nigella	Road Grill	Licence to Grill		Jamie at Home	
	615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Extreme"		CSI: Miami	
	617	522	32	SHOW	TBA		Billable Hours		The Guard		My Name Is Sarah (2007, Romance-Comedy), Nolan Funk		Weeds	
	520	505	35	DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters The team orders everything superized.				MythBusters	
	628	584	43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Sc	
	522	516	45	HIST	The Perfect Weapon		NCIS "The Bone Yard"		Conspiracy?		A Beautiful Mind (2001, Biography)			
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Actor Thomas Jane, left, has pleaded no contest to drunk driving after he was caught driving 120 miles per hour in California. Jane was sentenced to a year of probation, got \$1,700 US in fines and must take alcohol abuse classes. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Swank OK after hospitalization

HEALTH Hilary Swank is recuperating after undergoing a minor medical procedure at a hospital, People.com reports.

The Oscar-winning actress, 34, was "experiencing some discomfort and went to see her doctor, who prescribed an immediate course of action that included a brief hospitalization to remove a small, benign growth," manager Jason Weinberg says.

"Her condition has been resolved and there are no continuing health issues, with the exception of some short-term rest and recuperation," he says. No other details were provided.

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Coleman charged in bowling alley scuffle

CELEBRITY JUSTICE Gary Coleman was formally charged Wednesday with reckless driving and disorderly conduct following an altercation at a bowling alley in Utah, People.com reports.

"Mr. Coleman was notified today of the charges through his attorney," said Lieut. Bill Wright of the Payson Police Department. "(Coleman) never spoke to us about what happened, but we gathered evidence after speaking to witnesses and the other party involved."

Both charges are misdemeanours.

Coleman, 40, was backing out of a bowling alley around midnight on Sept. 6 when his truck

hit Colt Rushton, 24, as well as another car. Rushton was taken to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Witnesses said Coleman became irritated after

Rushton photographed him.

The two argued in the bowling alley and then moved outside, Wright said.

Rushton has since filed a lawsuit against Coleman,

seeking damages for medical bills, pain and suffering, and punitive damages. A rep for Coleman wasn't immediately available for comment.

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Biel spins her wheels

GEOGRAPHICAL ERRORS Actress Jessica Biel was left red-faced after mistaking a ferris wheel for a famous London landmark, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star was filming her new movie Easy Virtue in the British capital when she thought she had spotted the iconic London Eye.

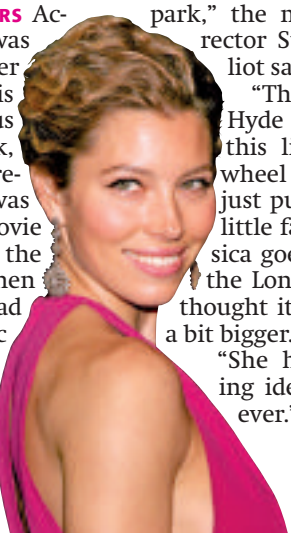
"We were staying in a hotel waiting for a writer and I suggested we go for a walk in the

park," the movie's director Stephan Elliott says.

"There in Hyde Park was this little ferris wheel that they just put up for a little fair but Jessica goes: 'Oh it's the London Eye. I thought it would be a bit bigger.'"

"She had no f---ing idea whatsoever."

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Retirement for Naomi?

PEOPLE Naomi Campbell is considering retiring, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel has always felt reluctant to give up her career because there are so few black women in the industry, but has thought about quitting more since designers at New York Fashion Week used beauties of all races to showcase their creations.

"This time the designers and editors have stepped it up. I

feel positive. That means I

can go soon," she said.

"My gut instinct is to get women of colour

out there whether I'm still in fashion or not. I'll be very happy when I'm 55

years old to pick up a magazine and see a lovely spread with a black woman.

Then I'll know I didn't work for all these years only to see it go backwards."

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Paris finds balance in dream world

PEOPLE Paris Hilton wants to clear up one misconception about her that's not so hot, usmagazine.com reports.

"The one that 'she doesn't work,'" she said. "I am literally running a huge corporation. I have my clothing lines, I am doing movies. I am doing

my record right now, producing and starring in a TV show."

To get through her day, she says the first thing she does in the morning is "think about what I dreamed. I write

down my dreams. I feel it is your subconscious talking to you."

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celebrity briefs



Pitt steps up for gay rights

PEOPLE Brad Pitt donated \$100,000 US to fight California's Proposition 8, a ballot initiative that would take away same-sex couples' right to marry, usmagazine.com reports.

"Discrimination has no place in America," the actor said in a statement.

Paltrow thanks Madonna

PEOPLE Gwyneth Paltrow has credited Madonna with helping her to kick the baby blues following the birth of son Moses, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "She really helped me out of my post-natal depression," Paltrow said. "She really sort of re-organized my molecules in that situation."



Pompeo has baby on brain

PEOPLE Ellen Pompeo has babies on the brain, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's a huge lifestyle change, and I take that very seriously," she tells the October issue of Allure. "We enjoy our life so much ... So when I have the baby, I won't feel like we've missed any fun."

Pompeo, 38, wed record producer Chris Ivery last November.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Paris Hilton keeps a dream journal? So I guess she can read and write.

Since everything Paris does in private eventually gets copied, mass produced and distributed, I thought I'd jump the gun by printing some excerpts in this space:

"I was standing in the middle of Rodeo Drive at noon, totally naked. It was just like my sex tape, except it wasn't dark and it hadn't been planned by my publicist. My subconscious is reminding me that there are lots of great clothing stores on Rodeo Drive. I was in Paris, the city (omg! so weird) with Jessica Biel, and she pointed to the Eiffel Tower and said, 'That sure is a big oil well!' Then a mime pretended to take my picture. My subconscious is trying to tell me that my skin is getting oily."

"The doorbell rang and I answered it and it was Nicole Richie but she was wearing a Lionel Richie wig and she pointed singing Hello and then Steve Buscemi took my picture. This means that omg! Nicole is so jealous of me and I'm going to sleep with Steve Buscemi. I was in a Taco Bell with lots of poor people when someone handed me my pet chihuahua Tinkerbelle, all cooked in a burrito. Tinkerbelle said, 'Et tu, Paris,' but I don't speak Spanish. My subconscious is telling me that Tinkerbelle is hot and he should have a doggy TV show."

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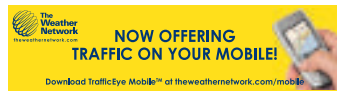
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